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SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

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1.FOR YOUR GUIDANCE,THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REFTEL B,
REPRESENTING US VIEWS REGARDING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE:

QUOTE:

1. CONGRATULATORY PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION
OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE (CAE)
WOULD BE NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR CONSISTENT WITH USG
PRACTICE OF RECOGNIZING "GOVERNMENTS" VICE "FORMS OF
GOVERNMENT". THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT WILL AT RECEIPT
OF CAE EMBASSY'S FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE PROCLAIMED
EMPIRE AND WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. GIVEN BOKASSA'S PROCLIVITY FOR GRANDOSITY, CONCEIVABLY
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HE WILL BE ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR HIS CORONATION. AT THAT

TIME DEPARTMENT WILL EXAMINE APPROPRIATENESS OF SENDING
OFFICIAL GREETINGS. ROBINSON END QUOTE.

2. REFTEL C BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.
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